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Moraga's 50th Anniversary Parade & Pear Festival

By Jeff Heyman

A town only gets to celebrate its Big 5-0 once. And so it was a day of celebration and festivities on Saturday, Sept. 28, when the Town of Moraga celebrated the 50th anniversary of its incorporation with a mile-long parade and a packed Pear and Wine Festival.

The anniversary bash began promptly at 10 a.m. with a boisterous parade of more than 700 people from a cross section of Moraga and Lamorinda community organizations. A hook and ladder from the Moraga-Orinda Fire District led the proceedings. Winding their way through Moraga's crowd-lined streets were familiar local groups: Moraga Scouts

Troop 246, Los Perales Girl Scout Troops, the Moraga Country Club, the Moraga Chamber of Commerce, the Moraga Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis clubs, and many more.

Huge contingents marched from St. Mary's College and Campolindo High School. Joining in the parade fun was Moraga Mayor Teresa Onoda and the Town Council, along with other public agencies such as the Moraga Planning Commission, the Friends of the Moraga Library, the Moraga Garden Club, the Moraga Park Foundation, Lamorinda CERT, the community emergency organization, and the Acalanes High School District and Moraga School Boards.

The crowd cheered and there was plenty of flag waving. Kids went wild scrambling for the candy that the parade marchers threw their way. Seniors mingled with young families on the sidelines, telling stories of how Moraga has – and hasn't – changed.

The party then moved to the Moraga Commons Park for the annual Pear and Wine Festival, which celebrates the Town's history as a pear producing capital. This is where celebration turned to sheer fun as families enjoyed the perfect weather to indulge in water slides, jumpy houses, and all manner of outdoor activities that the Commons has to offer. ... continued on Page A8

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“Excited” about voting drives Miramonte High School’s student registration effort

By David Scholz



Photo David Scholz

Miramonte High School seniors gather around a table at the Contra Costa County Election Department's pop up office on the school's front lawn during the lunch hour on Sept. 25 as part of a voter pre-registration effort.

Senior Max Harold will come in just under the wire ahead of the Nov. 5 General Election with a late Oct. 18 birthday, and he is stoked to have the opportunity to vote in what is building up to be a historic day in American politics.

His youthful exuberance captured the interest level that took hold of Miramonte High School's upper class on Sept. 25, as members of the senior class gathered around a Contra Costa County Elections Division Pop-up Office table set up on the front lawn of the campus.

That stop, one of about 26 high schools visited around the county in September as part of California High School Voter Education Weeks, and slated to continue through mid October due to such a large demand, is part of an effort to pre-register as many juniors and seniors who are approaching voting age, according to Dawn Kruger, the division's Community and Media Relations Coordinator.

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Upcoming Candidate forums:

Lafayette: Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Lafayette Library, Don Tatzin Hall

Moraga: Thursday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's College Soda Center

Watch for stories about the Acalanes Union High School Board and Moraga School Board election and Orinda Union School Board appointments in our next edition on Oct. 23.

Upcoming voter deadlines

Oct. 21	Registration Deadline
Oct. 29	Last Day to Request Vote by Mail Ballot
Nov. 5	Election Day

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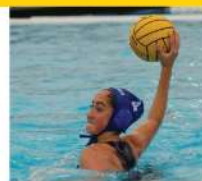
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